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1. IN RESPONSE TO REF A, DEPARTMENT RECEIVED A TELEGRAM (REF B) FROM THE FRG EMBASSY IN KAMPALA VIA THE FRG EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.
2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING POINT-BY-POINT RESPONSE TO FRG FOREIGN OFFICE TO RELAY TO THEIR

EMBASSY IN KAMPALA:

-- WHILE THE DEPARTMENT STILL HAS NO INFORMATION INDICATING THAT ACTION AGAINST THE AMERICANS IS CONTEMPLATED BY THE GOU, WE AGREE THAT THE DECLINING WORLD MARKET PRICE OF COFFEE COULD RESULT IN A RAPID DETERIORATION IN THE UGANDAN ECONOMY WHICH AMIN MIGHT THEN BLAME ON THE U.S. TRADE EMBARGO. IN THIS REGARD, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH THE FRG EMBASSY MIGHT BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ON UGANDAN COFFEE MARKETING.

-- WE GREATLY APPRECIATE THE FRG EMBASSY'S HAVING ALERTED THE AMERICAN RESIDENTS TO THE SENATE ACTION AND CONCUR THAT TELEPHONE WOULD APPEAR TO BE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND RAPID METHOD OF DISSEMINATING THIS INFORMATION.

-- DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION AGENCY ITS CONCERN OVER HOW THE VOICE OF AMERICA HANDLES ITS NEWS ANALYSIS ON THIS SUBJECT. DEPARTMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE POLICY GUIDANCE TO ICA FOR VOA BUT CANNOT, HOWEVER, INSTRUCT THEM ON WHAT TO SAY.

-- WE AGREE THAT A SYSTEM OF CODED MESSAGES MAY PROVE USEFUL SHOULD A SITUATION DEVELOP IN WHICH
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THE AMERICAN RESIDENTS ARE THREATENED, AND THERE IS A NEED FOR THE COVERT DISSEMINATION OF INSTRUCTIONS. THE DEPARTMENT WILL DEVISE A PROPOSED CODE SYSTEM AND PROVIDE IT IN SEPTEL.

-- DEPARTMENT CONTACTS WITH U.S. PARENT ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN RESIDENTS IN EARLY 1978 DID NOT REVEAL ANY INCLINATION TO REPLACE THEIR PERSONNEL WITH PERSONS OF OTHER NATIONALITY. THE DEPARTMENT WILL UNDERTAKE TO CONTACT THESE ORGANIZATIONS TO ALERT THEM TO THE CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. WHILE NOT WISHING TO ALARM THEM, WE WILL POINT OUT THAT THERE MAY BE SOME REPERCUSSIONS INITIATED BY THE GOU AS A RESULT OF THIS ACTION. AT THIS TIME WE WILL AGAIN SUGGEST THAT THEY MAY WISH TO WITHDRAW THEIR AMERICAN PERSONNEL AND REPLACE THEM WITH OTHER NATIONALITIES, AS APPROPRIATE.

-- THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE FRG EMBASSY'S PROMPT ACTION IN RESPONDING TO REFTEL, AND IN PROVIDING THEIR COOPERATION IN EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN RESIDENTS.
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